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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Deputy Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : NODIS Cables

1. State and CIA have an agreement whereby State sends pertinent NODIS cables to the Agency for perusal by the DCI, DDCI, and analysts. One of the provisions of this agreement is that no copies of the cables--except for DCI and DDCI--are to be made without the express permission of State Department. The Executive Secretariat, which is the agent for the Agency in handling NODIS traffic, abides by this agreement to the letter.

2. For your information NODIS cables are stored in the Operations Center where a complete log is maintained. Analysts from the DDI and officers from the DDO are called to the Center where they read the cables and sign a sheet attesting to the fact that they have seen the cables. No copies are made.

3. Recently several DI office directors have complained about a falling off of NODIS reporting. A check of the NODIS log shows that since 1 October the Agency has received 103 NODIS cables; 32 in October, 27 in November, 31 in December, and 14 so far in January. Most of the cables received focused on the Middle East; there were no NODIS cables pertaining to the US-PRC-Taiwan arms debate, only one or two cables dealing with the Polish situation, and a few pertaining to Central America.

4. The Executive Secretariat has been told by Latin American and East Asian analysts in the DI that their sources at State have acknowledged there are some NODIS cables of importance to CIA which are not being sent to the Agency. Attached is a memorandum from a DI analyst providing examples of three NODIS cables that would have been very useful but were not released from State. (A variety of examples from other DI divisions can be provided.)

5. Mr. Gates has requested that this matter be taken up with Secretary Haig at a breakfast session. It might be helpful if you could apprise the Secretary of the fact that many NODIS cables containing information of concern to CIA are not being distributed to the Agency and request his assistance in correcting this.

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